Indus Water Treaty

3281. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Indus Water Treaty, Government was under obligation to make a reference to the Supreme Court on the issue relating to claims of Rajasthan and Haryana for sharing of power from the various hydel projects put up on the treaty rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making such a reference and permitting Punjab exclusive use of the power; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to compensate these States for being deprived of their share?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Common Minimum Programme on Power

3282. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has circulated a Common Minimum Programme on Power;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether the Ministry has got any feed-back on the Common Minimum Programme circulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details of the programme is given in Statement (*See* below). The responses received are generally appreciative of the effort to achieve a political consensus for reforms in the power sector.